



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR APRIL 8, 2008**

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2008
TIME: 5:05 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Ilya Pinsky, Bhaani Singh, Angela Sterling-Vick, Anjuli Sastry, Priscilla Szeto,
Jordan Flores, Hannah Bowman;
(Lamont Carter, Vice-Chair Vincent Morgado– Late)

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Blackman, Chair Ben Ulrey

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 11, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Bowman / Flores (Unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of March 11, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. League of Women Voters – “Meet Your Public Officials” Event

Audrey Lord-Hausman invited the Youth Commission to the Event. Commissioners Sastry (RSVP), Carter, Bowman, and Singh were interested in attending the Thursday, April 17th event.

B. Job Search Workshop and Teen Job Faire – April Events

TC Wong, informed the Youth Commission of two events geared towards teens. The Job Workshop will be held on April 10th, at the Alameda Free Library, and the Job Faire will be held on April 24th, at Veterans Building. TC Wong asked the Youth Commissioners to promote the events at school. The

Job Faire will include the following employers: East Bay Regional Park District, Alameda Library, Bugarmeister, Alameda Theater, Bank of Alameda, Starbucks, Americorp, and merchants for the Alameda Towne Centre.

Commissioners Carter, Singh, Szeto, and Pinsky stated that they had seen the flyers at Alameda and Encinal High School.

C. Invitation to attend the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth & Families (ACCYF) Meeting on April 16th, 2008 at Alameda Free Library.

RS Russi and Audrey Lord-Hausman provided an overview of ACCYF an organization which includes many local groups who discuss ideas, feedback, needs, and support that affects the residents of Alameda.

Commissioners Sastry, Carter, Singh, Flores, Pinsky are interested in attending the meeting. RS Russi & TC Wong reminded the Commissioners to obtain permission from their parents and notify their school of the ACCYF meeting during school hours. ARPD staff will provide transportation for Commissioners back to their school.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. AC Transit – Youth Fares (Subcommittee Report) – (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioners Morgado and Sastry contacted John Knox White (Transportation Board), but received no response. The discussion on the AC Transit fares for youth may increase/double if input is not given to the AC transit Board representing Alameda. Sterling-Vick mentioned the fare increase will negatively impact students at Home Project, Base, and Alternative in Action located at Alameda Point. Pinsky requested the subcommittee (Morgado/Sastry/Sterling-Vick) send a petition/draft letter opposing the fare hike, and also requested Elsa Ortiz (AC Transit Board Member) to attend the next/future Youth Commission for more information.

M/S/C Pinsky / Carter (Unanimously approved)

Requested the subcommittee (Morgado/Sastry/Sterling-Vick) send petition/draft letter opposing the fare hike, and also requested Elsa Ortiz attend the next Youth Commission for more information.

B. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

RS Russi provided a brief overview of a teen needs assessment. In 1994-1995 one was completed, but updates are needed for current information. Also, several years back, Development Services was working on needs assessment (REPORT CARD) which contained a section on teens. TC Wong informed Commissioners that other local City's (Alameda and Contra Costa County) are working on their needs assessment, which we can review and discuss for our Youth Commission. Staff and Audrey Lord-Hausman suggested the above to avoid the Commission from reinventing the wheel and to give them some expectation of the process.

M/S/C Pinsky / Morgado (Unanimously approved)

Requesting Malissa Jones, Development Services, to speak on the Teen Needs Assessment at future Commission meeting and to have the Teen Needs Assessment on the next agenda.

C. Sand Castle and Sculpture Contest - Judge Needed - (Discussion / Action Item)

RS Russi extended an invitation to the Commission to select one representative for judging this years' event. Commissioner Flores, Singh, and Carter showed interest; since only one representative is needed, discussion was held, and Commissioner Flores was selected to be judge.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. By Laws Review (Discussion / Action Item)

M/S/C Pinsky / Bowman (Unanimously approved)

“Adopting the drafted Bylaws for City / Legal review and approval.”

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

- A. Commissioner Sastry informed the Commission of the Hayward Youth Commission's **“TEEN GUIDE”**, a handbook on the past years accomplishments of Volunteer and Community Service Projects.
- B. Commissioner Sterling-Vick invited Youth Commissioners to attend the “Oscar/Movie” - Film Screening at Alameda Point event cost \$7 benefiting Alternative In Action and Home Project.
- C. Commissioner Pinsky stated that he was: 1) attending an after-school rally at the AUSD office on April 10th, 3:30 pm, in support of No budget cuts. And 2) would like the to have a Website design for the Youth Commission.
- D. RC Wong requested the following:
 - 1) Any interest in forming a subcommittee/focus group to address current library services for teens? Commissioners Carter, Flores, and Singh are interested.
 - 2) Youth Commission shirts with a logo/design need to be designed first, process will take some time. Subcommittee needed to work on this; Sterling-Vick, Flores, are interested; Sterling-Vick knows someone who could airbrush designs. Commissioners Bowman and Sastry requested that everyone bring a design in to have discussion at the next meeting.
 - 3) Youth Commission invited to the Friday Night Lights event at Woodstock Park on May 9th, sponsored by Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) and Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD). This FREE event is geared to Teens (6th – 12th grades), food, music, and sports scheduled for the evening. More details and flyers to come prior to next meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 22, 2008; 5:00 PM

9. Adjournment

6:38 p.m.